amongst them the Lord Mayor, Lord Wentworth, Sir Gilbert Garrard, Master of the Rolls, Sir Wolfstone Dixie, Sir Richard Martin, Mr Sergeant Fleetwood (the Recorder), and Mr Daniel

He was arraigned on two indictments Being asked to plead to the first, he answered, ' All must be as you will' , which was taLen as a plea of guilty To the second, he answered, [c] You have wit enough to judge for me and yourselves too ' The question being put to him again, he replied, [£] Few words are best, it is good to know much and say little * It was shown that this answer would of itself condemn him ot treason if he still refused to answer to the point, and being once more asked if he pleaded guilty or not guilty, he said, * *ambo* * At last he was persuaded to plead not guilty to the second indictment

He was next asked by whom he would be tried, but refused to give answer according to the form of the law, * By God and my country' Instead he replied, * By the jury' But realising that he now stood in very great danger, he began to blaspheme violently

At last, seeing that Hacket obstinately refused to plead according to the form of the law, the Attorney General rose and demanded judgment

As Hacket had pleaded guilty to one indictment and refused to plead to the second, there was no need to call witnesses or to enlarge on the case Nevertheless for the better satisfaction of those present, both the Attorney General and the Solicitor General spoke at length This done, the Recorder sentenced Hacket to death as a traitor, and he was taken away to Newgate

2,8th July THE EXECUTION OF HACKET

In the morning William Hacket was brought

from Newgate to execution for treason All the way as he was dragged on the hurdle, he cried out continually, * Jehovah Messias, Jehovah Messias,' and at another time, [c] Look, look, how the heavens open wide and the Son of God cometh down to deliver me'

The crowd was so vast that it was a long time before the officers could bring him to the gibbet which had been set up by the Cross in Cheapside There, when silence had been called